

EXHIBIT A

Listing of Claims IN CO-PENDING APPLICATION USSN 10/384,075:

Claim 1 (Original). A process for preparing a resin, the process comprising reacting components at elevated temperature, the components comprising rosin, fatty acid, aldehyde and phenolic compound, where phenol constitutes at least 25 wt% of the phenolic compounds.

Claim 2 (original). The process of claim 1, wherein phenol constitutes at least 35 wt% of the phenolic compounds.

Claim 3 (original). The process of claim 1, wherein phenol constitutes at least 55 wt% of the phenolic compounds.

Claim 4 (currently amended). The process of claim 1, wherein the rosin constitutes ~~up~~ from 1 to 85 wt% of the components.

Claim 5 (currently amended). The process of claim 1, wherein the fatty acid constitutes ~~up~~ from 1 to 65 wt% of the components.

Claim 6 (currently amended). The process of claim 1, wherein the aldehyde constitutes ~~up~~ from 2 to 40 wt% of the components.

Claim 7 (currently amended). The process of claim 1 wherein phenolic compound(s) including phenol constitute ~~up~~ from 1 to 50 wt% of the components.

Claim 8 (original). The process of claim 1 wherein the fatty acid component comprises Tall Oil Fatty Acid (TOFA).

Claim 9 (original). The process of claim 1 wherein the fatty acid component comprises Monomer.

Claim 10 (original). The process of claim 1 wherein the aldehyde component comprises formaldehyde.

Claim 11 (original). The process of claim 1 wherein the rosin component comprises gum rosin.

Claim 12 (original). The process of claim 1 wherein the components further comprise polyol.

Claim 13 (original). The process of claim 12 wherein the polyol component constitutes up to 15 wt% of the components.

Claim 14 (original). The process of claim 1 wherein the components further comprise an α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compound.

Claim 15 (original). The process of claim 14 wherein the α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compound constitutes up to 8 wt% of the components.

Claim 16 (original). The process of claim 1 wherein the resin is self-gelling in mineral oil at resin:mineral oil weight ratio of 1:1.5.

Claim 17 (original). The process of claim 1 wherein the resin is completely soluble in mineral oil at 10% solids at 180°C.

Claim 18 (original). The process of claim 1 wherein the resin has a softening point in excess of 120°C.

Claim 19 (original). The process of claim 1 wherein a 45 wt% solution of the resin in a hydrocarbon solvent has a flow viscosity at 25°C of 0.1 to 150 pascal-seconds.

Claim 20 (original). The process of claim 1 wherein the resin is suitable for use as a lithographic ink resin.

Claim 21 (original). The process of claim 1 wherein the resin is suitable for use as a gravure ink resin.

Claim 22 (original). The process of claim 1 wherein azeotropic distillation is not used to remove water from the resin.

Claim 23 (original). The process of claim 1 wherein an inert organic solvent capable of azeotropic distillation of water at the elevated temperature is not used as an entraining agent for azeotropic distillation of water.

Claim 24 (previously presented). A resin prepared by the process of claim 1.

Claim 25 (previously presented). A varnish comprising a resin prepared by the process of claim 1, and a solvent.

Claim 26 (original). The varnish of claim 25 wherein the solvent is a hydrocarbon.

Claim 27 (original). A lithographic ink comprising a resin of claim 24.

Claim 28 (original). A gravure ink comprising a resin of claim 24.

claim 29 (original). A process for preparing a resin, the process comprising reacting components at elevated temperature, the components comprising rosin, aldehyde, phenolic compound and fatty acid, where the fatty acid constitutes at least 30 wt% of the components.